



NATIONAL CAPITOL

Serious Views on Nations Tendencies Held.

FOR STRENUOUS LIFE

Hansborough Holds the Pace too Swift for Brains and Body.

DESIRE FOR SHOW IS SPUR

Inefficiency and Ostentation Combine to Over Work the Individual Un- til Nervous Prostration Is Called American Disease.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In several striking ways during the past few days attention has been called to the fact that this country is rushing forward under a full head of steam, with the safety valve tied down. Among those who have sounded warnings are Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court; Senator Hansborough, of North Dakota, and Martin Knapp, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

President Roosevelt has set an example of strenuousness that the entire nation, apparently, is trying to follow; and the trouble is that the nation as a whole is not so well equipped to stand the pace as is the President. "We are working too hard, too rapidly, and too many hours," says Senator Hansborough. He was discussing the railroads and their needs when he made the statement. It extends into nearly every line of American business life. The pace is too swift. We must let up, or nervous prostration will become distinctly an American malady. Nor is the condition confined wholly to business activity. We find it here in Washington; it exists in the executive departments, at the Capitol and in a marked degree at the "White House."

Commenting on Senator Hansborough's observations, Chairman Knapp said the discussion opened up a very interesting field for investigation "in which, I think, it would be well worth while to make a careful study."

"The whole country is in a state of more or less congestion, in the individual case as well as in the organized or corporate case," continued Mr. Knapp. "There is a condition of inefficiency, resulting from demands which exceed present capacity. A railroad performs excellent service up to the limit of its capacity, but if required to furnish 25 percent more service than it is prepared for, its whole work is carried on at a disadvantage with increased expenses per unit, and with more or less demoralization."

Similarly the individual who is trained and fitted for a given output of work will perform his accustomed task with entire satisfaction. But if continuously pressed with a considerable excess beyond what he is habitually required to meet, he, like the railroad, gets into a state of diminished energy and discouragement, and so does his work per unit with great friction and less satisfaction than under normal circumstances.

"The average employee who sees little prospect of advancement finds insufficient incentive to determined effort, but yields to the temptation to do no more than hold his place. That temptation is very powerful when, in times like the present, there is a lack of capable labor in every activity, so that the risk of being thrown out of

employment because he does not accomplish more is reduced to the minimum."

Mr. Justice Brewer's warning was sounded Sunday in a speech before the People's Forum at New Rochelle. After speaking of the marvellous growth and development of the nation, the learned jurist asked: "Which way is this country looking? What are the ideals of the inspiration of the nation? Is this republic seeking only material development, ostentation and parade, or is it striving for the higher life, which shall benefit both the people and the nation? We are building up a big navy; we are now the fourth naval power. In all our cities we vie in ostentation. We buy libraries by the cubic yard and galleries by the job lot. We want to have the biggest and finest yachts, the most gorgeous castles. What does this signify?"

Justice Brewer answered this question by pointing out what he believed to be the growth of extravagance in the individual, the municipality and the nation. More than half of the States are in debt, he said, and New York City owes \$421,000,000. The nation is running deeper into debt each year.

SAILBOAT CAPSIZES.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—A sail-boat with twenty-five persons on board overturned this morning near Montego Bay. Sixteen of the party were drowned.

POPE WILL REFUSE

New Religions Law of France Will Be Rejected.

POLICY OF VATICAN PLAIN

Contending Sentiment in France Is Very Bitter—Jesuits Charged With Fomenting Certain Elements of Trouble.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Associated Press learns from a high ecclesiastical source that it is certain the Pope will reject the new religious law, and at an opportune time forbid the parish priests to continue services in the churches, after which they will organize private worship. The informant of the Associated Press adds:

"The Vatican can pursue no other policy. Having declined to retain the church property under conditions laid down by the government, it can only vindicate its position by proving to the faithful they are objects of persecution."

The Republican organs regard the order of the bishops suppressing Christmas masses tonight as being the formal inauguration of the policy outlined above.

The Aurore says it is a scheme dictated by the Jesuits, and that the cry will be re-echoed by every blade and venger in France.

"Yet," says the Aurore, "there is not a single thinking Catholic who does not know that the suppression of the midnight masses is the work of the church and not of the government."

An official note was issued this afternoon announcing that the statements published abroad to the effect that the French government sent a note to the powers in anticipation of the protest from the Vatican against the expulsion of Montsignor Montagnani were absolutely false.

WRECK NEAR STOCKTON.

STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 24.—Three were killed and a dozen seriously injured in a wreck on the Sugar Pine branch of the Sierra Railroad yesterday. Three of the injured were fatally hurt. A special had been sent out to bring in a wrecked construction train. On returning the special ran away down a steep grade. The caboose containing thirty men snapped on a curve and plunged forty feet to the bottom of a gulch.

RACE RIOTS ARE FEARED

Ku Klux Klan About to be Restored to Duty.

MAYOR ON HIS GUARD

Orders All Saloons Closed on Strength of Grave Rumor of Trouble.

CHRISTMAS DAY IS FIXED UPON

City of Meridian Also on Very Verge of Race Troubles—State Militia Sent to Certain Station to be in Readiness.

ATLANTA, Dec. 24.—To avoid all possibility of any repetition of the recent race rioting in this city, Mayor Woodward today issued an order closing all saloons this afternoon. For several weeks indefinite rumors have been heard that Christmas was to be the occasion for attacks upon the negroes of Atlanta.

Several "K. K. K." notices were posted on the streets Saturday. While no serious consideration has been given to these, a reward of \$200 was offered by Mayor Woodward for the apprehension of anyone posting such notices or inciting to riot.

MERIDAN, Miss., Dec. 24.—According to reliable reports received here tonight, the negroes for miles around are congregated in the town of Wabak and during the afternoon paraded the streets threatening vengeance on all whites, because of the killing of one negro and the wounding of another by the conductor of a passenger train on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad yesterday, while the latter was attempting to quell a disturbance aboard his train.

In response to an appeal from the white people at Wabak, of whom there are not more than twenty-five, Battery I and Company D, of the state militia have been sent there and should reach the place by midnight. An unverified report at 8:30 tonight was to the effect that a clash had occurred and two whites were killed.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED.

University of California. Seismograph indicates serious but distant shocks.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—The seismograph at the students laboratory, of the University of California, recorded earthquake waves yesterday at hours 26 minutes 35 seconds, Pacific Standard time, which indicates that a serious earthquake has occurred at a distant point. Professor A. O. Leuschner, in charge, said: "Careful measurements of the seismogram made by A. K. Champagneux, give the following: Time of commencement, 9 hours, 26 minutes 35 seconds, Pacific Standard Time; duration of preliminary tremor 1 minute 29 seconds; duration second stage of preliminary tremor six minutes, 16 seconds; duration strong motion 11 minutes 23 seconds. The motion is shown in the east and west component only. The average period of the waves was 16 seconds."

WRECK KILLS NINE.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—So far as the railroad officials of the Soo Line have been able to learn, they say only nine persons were killed in the wreck at Enderlin, North Dakota, Sunday. It was reported late this afternoon that two of the injured had died, making

a total death list of eleven, but the Associated Press was informed this evening that the report was untrue. The latest report indicates that forty-five persons were injured, and of these twenty-four were classed as seriously hurt, but it has been impossible to learn the extent of their injuries, as the railroad officials refuse to give out any information.

TRUSTED EMPLOYE ARRESTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Frederick Cleaves, for a number of years head bookkeeper and confidential man of the E. J. Bowen Seed Company, formerly on Sansome Street, who was arrested on Walnut Creek, was brought back to this city yesterday and placed in the Bush Street Station charged with forgery. It is claimed his accounts are short to the extent of \$6000 or \$7000. Cleaves asserts that the charges made against him are false. He declares if a shortage was found in his accounts it was due to the fault of the experts.

ROB GAMBLERS.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 24.—Two masked men held up 17 occupants of the lobby bar-room of the Columbia Hotel late last night. The robbers secured \$825 from the men gambling, but overlooked \$3,000 in the safe. They then backed out of the rear entrance and escaped, leaving no clue.

SHOT FOR BURGLAR

Japanese Desperately Wounded as He Goes to Apartments.

ENTERED BY SLEEPING ROOM

Sleeper Awoke and Fired in Darkness With Probably Fatal Effect—Jap- anese Was a Servant Em- ployed About the House.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Ara Tacashima, a Japanese, was shot and probably fatally injured by Arthur McEwan late last night, at the residence of McEwan's brother-in-law, C. L. Zahn, in this city. The shooting was reported to the police late today by two Japanese friends of Tacashima. Tacashima is a house servant in the employ of Zahn and in case he returns home late at night has to pass through young McEwan's apartments to get to his own room. Last night McEwan was awakened by a noise made by the Japanese and seeing a figure in the room shot at it. The shot struck Tacashima in the abdomen. The wounded man was taken to the hospital immediately, but for some reason, apparently by oversight occasioned by the excitement, no one notified the police. Zahn and his brother-in-law came here in the employ of the Home Telephone Company a few months ago from Los Angeles. The family is highly respected.

PARALLED THAW'S CASE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The representative of District Attorney Jerome's office visited the court house in Jersey City on several days of last week to take a transcript of portions of the record of the trial of Thomas S. Barker, who on February 3, 1901, shot the Rev. Kelly, of Arlington, N. J., for assault upon his wife. It is said the transcript is to be used in the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

Barker's defense was that the story his wife told him justified his action, but Judge Blair refused to allow Mrs. Barker to tell her story to the jury. The defense finally got the story before the jury by introducing an expert and reciting a hypothetical case. It did not avail however, as Barker was convicted and sent to state prison although he was paroled.

SLOANE MAD IS VERDICT

Will Go to Asylum Instead of the Scaffold.

CITIZENS ARE ENRAGED

Even Defense Hardly Expected Insanity Verdict to Be Returned.

MURDER WAS MOST BRUTAL

Killed His Father With an Ax, Car- ried His Body Away and Then Coolly Went to Bed—Boy Im- passive Throughout.

SPOKANE, Dec. 24.—"Not guilty, by reason of insanity," was the verdict returned today in the case of Sidney Sloane, the 13-year-old boy charged with the brutal murder of his father, James F. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of Spokane.

For the first time during the trial Sidney Sloane changed color as the verdict was read. The color mounted up his face to his forehead, but a moment later he was calm and impassive as ever. His mother, as the import of the verdict was brought home to her, gave a sigh of relief that was audible in every part of the courtroom. Her face changed color, and then she bent over and hid her face in her hands.

No verdict ever given by a jury in Spokane County has been received with more disfavor than that in the Sloane case. An insanity verdict was almost beyond the expectation of even the prosecution, and the result was heard with surprise and greeted with dissatisfaction here. There is wild talk of tar and feathers for the jury and lynching for the boy, but no real danger that either will occur.

After the verdict of "not guilty," young Sloane arose as if to leave the courtroom, but was stopped. His attorney, F. C. Robertson, desires that the boy be sent to the insane asylum, and this will doubtless be done.

The trial, which has lasted five weeks, was the longest and most sensational ever held in Spokane county. It was clearly proved that on the night of August 29 the boy came behind his father, who was eating a midnight lunch, and struck him six terrible blows on the head with an ax; then took money from the dead man's pocket, picked up the corpse, carried it down stairs, loaded it into a wheelbarrow, trundled it about two blocks and dumped it in an alley. Returning, he made clumsy efforts to wash the blood from the rugs and floor of the room. He ate part of an apple and calmly went to bed.

When the body was discovered next morning he was quickly arrested and confessed the crime. He said he became enraged at things his father said about his mother.

The defense claimed the boy had shown signs of insanity from infancy.

BATTLE FOR BEER.

Chicago Will Make Stiff Struggle for Its Sunday Drinks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Tribune today says: A Puritanical Sunday for Chicago, with idle street cars and elevated railroads out of commission and with no newspapers and no Sunday theatres or even sacred concerts is the retaliation threatened by Alderman Michael

Kenna if he is forced to close his saloons on Sunday.

This will be the last resort if the Alderman and other saloonkeepers are compelled to close on Sundays. It will be taken if Mayor Dunne is directed to obey the state law under the mandamus proceedings in Judge Frost's court next Friday. The aldermen will be backed to the fullest extent by the United Societies for local self government.

Resolutions demanding a provision in the new city charter for home rule on the Sunday saloon question were adopted at a large mass meeting of Bohemian citizens held yesterday.

Mayor Dunne and Alderman Kenna will be compelled to show reason in Judge Frost's court next Friday why the mandamus should not be issued on petition of the Sunday Closing League.

MINER'S OFFICERS AIDED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A delegation representing the Moyer-Haywood protest conference, organized to assist for the defense of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, arrested on the charge of the murder of Ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Ohio, applied yesterday to the Central Federated Union for funds to employ counsel to defend Moyer and Haywood. Miss Twining, of Colorado, was the principal speaker. It was decided to establish a fund for defense, the brewers contributing \$500.

PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS

Director of Education Makes His Annual Report Public.

THREE THOUSAND SCHOOLS

Many Private and Religious Institu- tions—Spanish the Language of Pupils and Teachers in Most Cases—American Teachers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The sixth annual report of the Director of Education in the Philippines concerning the activities of the educational work in the islands for the year ending June 30, 1906, shows that there are now 3,166 primary schools in the islands, with an average of 375,554 pupils. Seven hundred Americans and 6,224 Filipino teachers are employed. All of the school divisions, the report says, conducted teachers' institutes, varying from four to six weeks in the different provinces. The instruction given was divided between the common branches of the intermediate course and special topics of instruction, such as school gardening, domestic science, primary industrial work and methods of teaching.

There are 2,454 primary school buildings in the island owned by the municipalities, and in addition a number of buildings belonging to the provinces, but not constructed originally for school purposes are used. Private instruction, the report says, plays a large part in the intellectual condition of the islands. Many of these schools are supported by the Catholic church, with a history reaching back several decades. Some of these institutions teach English, although in practically all of them Spanish is the basis of instruction. The Filipino teachers, Dr. Barrows says, continue to gain in reliability, strength of character and moral purpose.

MUST STOP OVERFLOW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The state department has been advised that President Diaz has given the company which has a concession permitting them to divert the waters of the Colorado river ten days to begin the work of controlling the overflow into Salton Sink in Imperial Valley, and in case they fail to have the work completed in three months, proceedings will be instituted to annul their concession.